

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation Limited - Allegation of Demand & Acceptance of bribe by Sri Badri Tarachand, S/o (late) Parasaiah, Age 59 years, Formerly Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram- Trapped on 19.01.2023 - Sanction for Prosecution - Accorded -orders - issued.

HOUSING (VC.A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.5

Dated:24.02.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Badri Tara Chand, S/o (late) Parasaiah, Age 59 years, formerly worked as Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P., State Housings Corporation Limited, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram from 23.04.2022 to 19.01.2023 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018.

2) And whereas, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad, S/o Madhava Rao is Assistant Engineer (Housing) at Gokavaram Mandal, East Godavari district and he is a resident of D.No. 75-6-22, Prakash Nagar, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari district.

3) And Whereas, it is alleged that, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad is a resident of Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District. He is working as an Assistant Engineer (Housing) in APSHCL, Gokavaram Mandal since December 2019. Deputy Executive Engineer is the immediate superior to him and the Project Director (P.D.) is their Higher Authority. The Project Director is also the District Housing Head. Sri Bhadri Tara Chand, Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) is working as the present Project Director of the East Godavari District from the Districts reorganization. The P.D. office is situated in the District Collectorate, East Godavari District and the P.D.is their Drawing&Disbursement Officer (D.D.O). Under Navaratnalu program about 913 houses were sanctioned in his limits i.e., Gokavaram Mandal under “Pedalandarikillu - Jagananna Colony Program”. In which 466 house were sanctioned to Kothapalli village only. As the Government lay-out is situated at about 4 to 5 KMs away from the village, the beneficiaries are not coming forward to construct houses there, as such the construction of the houses were not completed. Since the construction of the houses were not completed, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad was held responsible for it and the District Collector suspended him on 06.06.2022. Later, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad met the District Collector and submitted a letter with a request to reinstate him from suspension and for giving him posting. On that, the District Collector reinstated him vide. RC.No.01/2022/E.G. Dist., dated 20.08.2022 treating his lapses as his first mistake and by warning him. On 22.08.2022, as per the suspension reinstate orders

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of the District Collector he reported for duty as Assistant Engineer (Housing), Gokavaram Mandal and sent his joining report to the Executive Engineer, Housing, Rajamahendravaram. Since then, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad is working as Assistant Engineer (Housing), Gokavaram Mandal. On 26.09.2022 Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad submitted an application to the Executive Engineer, Housing, Rajamahendravaram with a request to sanction his half pay salary pertaining to his suspension period i.e., from 06.06.2022 to 21.08.2022. On 27.10.2022, the Executive Engineer (Housing), Rajamahendravaram has forwarded his application and related file to the Housing District Head (Project Director, Housing), Rajamahendravaram by recommending to sanction and release his suspension period salary. The same is pending with Sri Bhadri Tara Chand, Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), Rajamahendravaram. In connection with his pending salary, in the month of November 2022 Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad met to Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) in his office and requested to sanction his suspension period salary. On that, Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) sent him out of his office by saying that without giving anything how would be the work done. Again, after few days, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad met Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) in office and asked about his suspension period salary, but Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) replied him in the same manner as mentioned above and asked him to go out of his office and he came out of the office without saying anything. On 12.01.2023 in the evening at about 06.40 PM, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad went to the Chamber of Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), and requested him to sanction his suspension period salary, on that, Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) told him that they were no details relating to his salary as such the salary is pending and can't do anything. Then, Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad told to Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) that he has submitted the details and also informed that "Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad met Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) once in connection with his suspension period salary and Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) asked him to meet again. Even on meeting for the second time Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) has not stated anything". On that, Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) asked him whether Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad has done any favour to him on which Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad replied he did nothing and told to Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) that Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad is waiting for his instructions. Then, Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) asked to do something and Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad asked Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) how much he has to pay. On that, Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) demanded him to pay Rs.10,000/-. In inevitable circumstances

Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad agreed to pay Rs.10,000/- demanded by Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) unwillingly, as Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad feared that his retirement benefits and salary will be stopped if the said amount is not paid. Then, Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) instructed him to pay the amount of Rs.10,000/- after the festival i.e., on 18th or 19th by meeting him in his chamber. Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad recorded the conversation that took place between him and Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) on 12.01.2023 in his mobile phone. As he is not willing to get his work done by paying bribe to Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad decided to give a report against Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) to ACB. Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad transferred the conversation dt.12.01.2023 that took place between him and Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) and recorded in his mobile phone into 2 DVDs using his Laptop and came to ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram on 18.01.2023 and gave a written report to the Addl. S.P., ACB along with the 2 DVDs with a request to take necessary action against Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) , APSHCL who demanded a bribe of Rs.10,000/- for sanction of his suspension period salary. Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad approached ACB Office on 18.01.2023 as Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad thought that the ACB officials will be busy in Sankranti Holidays. After following due procedure, the Addl. S.P., ACB registered the Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad's report as a case in Cr.No. 01/RCT- RJY/2023 U/Sec 7 of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 of ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range on 19.01.2023 at 08.15 hrs and made arrangements for laying a trap against Sri Badri Tara Chand.

4) And Whereas, having completed the Pre-Trap Proceedings on 19.01.2023, the trap party, lead by the Addl. SP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range left the ACB Office at 12.00 hrs. The trap team reached the premises of the District Collectorate, East Godavari district, Rajamahendravaram by 12:15 hours and at about 12.30 hrs Sri Badri Tara Chand, Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P., State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram was trapped at his chamber of the O/o District Head Housing, A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari district, when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad. When the both hand fingers of Sri Badri Tara Chand were subjected to Chemical test separately, his both hand fingers separately in

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those solutions and the solution in which he rinsed his left-hand fingers turned into Pink colour and the solution in which he rinsed his right-hand fingers remained unchanged. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad the tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- was recovered from brown colour envelope from his black colour Executive bag which is on his office table in the presence of mediators. The Serial numbers and Denominations of the Currency notes recovered were found tallied with that of the Serial numbers and Denominations of the currency notes handed over by Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad during Pre-Trap proceedings. Accordingly, the chemical test conducted on the inner surface of the Sri Bhadri Tara Chand's black colour Executive bag's pocket from where Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) has produced the brown colour envelope containing the tainted amount with the help of a cotton swab. When the cotton swab is placed in the above said Sodium Carbonate Solution, the solution turned into pink colour. The Addl. SP, ACB seized the tainted amount and the Executive bag, the resultant solutions, other related documents/records and prepared the rough sketch of the scene of office and examined Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad and other relevant witnesses during the Proceedings and other incriminating evidence established that Sri Badri Tarachand demanded and willingly accepted the bribe from Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad for doing an official favour i.e., to sanction the half pay salary of Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad for his suspension period. During the examination Sri Dera Sudhakar Patnayak, S/o Kanthara, O/c Project Director, State Housing Corporation Limited, Kakinada stated that during the suspension tenure S r i Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad has been paid an amount of Rs1,32,746/- as a subsistence amount, and he has to receive an amount of Rs1,10,610/- for his suspension period from 06.06.2022 to 21.08.2022. He further stated that as on the date of trap i.e., on 19/01/2023, he didn't receive any letter from Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) for Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad's records to sanction of his half salary. Later, he came to know that Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) was demanded and accepted Rs.10,000/- from Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad for the sanction and forwarded the half pay salary file of complainant to the concerned i.e., E.E, KKD. In this regard Sri Bhadri Tara Chand/ Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC) was arrested on 20.01.2023 at 03:00 hours and remanded to Judicial Custody by the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for Trail of SPE and ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram. Later, the statement of Sri Deepthimahanthi Veera Badhra Vara Prasad, was got recorded U/Sec 164 Cr.P.C., in which he fared well. The Inspector of Police, who took up further investigation examined witnesses, collected documents.

5) And whereas, the investigation discloses that the above acts of Sri Badri Tara Chand, S/o (late) Parasaiah, Age 59 years, formerly Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari district, Rajamahendravaram constitutes offence punishable under section U/Sec. 7(a) of P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2018.

6) And whereas, Government being the Competent Authority to remove Sri Badri Tara Chand, S/o (late) Parasaiah, Age 59 years, formerly Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P., State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari district, Rajamahendravaram from service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., final Report of the DG., ACB., FIR, Mediators Reports, Statement of witnesses, Seized documents, Made up files, and other relevant material etc., placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Badri Tara Chand, S/o (late) Parasaiah, Age 59 years, formerly Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P., State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari district, Rajamahendravaram had committed the above said acts and that he should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7) Now therefore, in exercise of the Powers conferred by Clause (B) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, Government hereby accord Sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Badri Tara Chand, S/o (late) Parasaiah, Age 59 years, formerly Executive Engineer, District Head Housing (FAC), A.P.State Housing Corporation Limited, East Godavari district, Rajamahendravaram for the above said offence punishable under Section 7 (a) of P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2018 for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(AJAY JAIN)
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

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